

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation (BAC) was held December 10, 2007 at the Division of Agriculture conference room, 1800 Glenn Highway, St.12, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Kristan Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Boardmembers present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Kristan Cole, Chair
Mr. Ben VanderWeele, Vice Chair
Mr. Ralph Carney, Member
Mr. Ray DePriest, Member
Mr. John Schirack, Member

Staff in attendance was:

Ms. Franci Havemeister, Director
Ms. Tina Otto, AAG, Dept. of Law
Ms. Connie Cannon, Administrative Clerk
Mr. Ray Nix, Asset Manager
Mr. Joe Austerman, DEC & Mat Maid

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Cole stated the ARLF budget was received and each Boardmember had a chance to review prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Boardmember Carney moved to approve the agenda as modified with deleting the Executive Session because there were no questions regarding the ARLF budget from the agenda.

Boardmember Schirack seconded.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (limit to 3 minutes)

Kyle Beus updated the Board on the Southcentral Dairy Joint Venture progress. Cheese processing will hopefully be up and running by Mid January, 2008. He thanked the producers and the Board.

Robert Gottstein made comments regarding the bid package process and stated his disappointment that the State is in the water business.

D. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

MOTION: Boardmember Carney moved to approve the minutes of November 11, 2007 as presented.

Vice Chair VanderWeele seconded.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

E. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Asset Manager Nix reviewed the bid opening:

He stated the bid opening was held at 1:30 p.m. today December 7, 2007. In attendance for the bid opening were: Tina Otto, AAG; Marlys Hagan, DNR Procurement Officer and Pauline Hendrickson, Legislative Audit. No bids were received for the Mat Maid disposal.

F. CREAMERY CORPORATION SHAREHOLDER UPDATE

Joe Austerman gave an update regarding the Matanuska Maid wind down:

- Stated for the month of October a loss of \$51,000 and included in that figure was an allowance for bad debt and real estate taxes which brought the net operating loss down to \$36,000.
- The last day of dairy production will be December 14, 2007.
- The last day of delivery will be December 17, 2007.
- One more load of locally produced milk will be taken on December 17, 2007.
- One last production of eggnog will be December 18, 2007.
- One last delivery will be on December 19, 2007 for Southcentral Alaska.
- Containers will be able to be made for all orders.
- Shelf space is being guaranteed until the end of year.
- Services for the Southcentral Dairy transition can be provided.
- Northern lights Dairy can take the milk for 12/17/07 and possibly accommodate taking milk for 12/19 & 12/23/07 depending on demand.

G. ACTION ITEMS

(No action items.)

H. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chair VanderWeele stated he would like to form a committee regarding more Alaskan Grown fruit and vegetables being served in the school lunch program. A committee of himself, Director Havemeister and Boardmember DePriest will look into this issue.

Vice Chair VanderWeele stated he would like to discuss the potato issue at the prison farm at the Pt. McKenzie at the next BAC meeting.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(No executive session was held).

J. SET NEXT MEETING & AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. The next Creamery Corporation Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, December 14, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Boardmember Carney moved to adjourn.
Boardmember DePriest seconded.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.